

MEMO

To: Public Services Committee

From: Community Development Officer

Date: October 13, 2021

Subject: Accessible (colour blind) Traffic Lights

Since 2019 the item of Accessible Traffic Lights has been on the Accessibility Advisory Committee's agenda.

The committee would like to see all traffic lights in Elliot Lake (4 locations) converterted or replaced to colour blind accessible traffic lights. Colourblindness affects 1 in 12 men and 1 in 200 women in the world.

The Provinces of Quebec and Nova Scotia have already done this in some of their towns/cities.

This is an example from Halifax, Nova Scotia. They added shapes to their traffic lights. Colours stay the same but the shapes help identify stop, slow, and go to someone with colourblindness.



The Committee is requesting that the Public Works Department look into either converting existing traffic lights to accessible traffic lights, or replacing all traffic lights with digital LED option.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary to Accessibility Advisory Committee